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SUBJ: PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM FOR EGYPT

REF: STATE 105413

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE SIGNING OF PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION MAKING EGYPT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PL 480 TITLE I ASSISTANCE AND WELCOME SUGGESTION THAT AID/W FOOD FOR PEACE AND USDA SEND TWO-MAN TEAM TO CAIRO TO ASSIST THE EMBASSY IN NEGOTIATING SALES AGREEMENT. AS FAR AS WE CAN NOW TELL, PROPOSED TIMING AGREEABLE.

2. IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING THIS AGREEMENT, WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE TO MAKE THE EGYPTIANS FULL AWARE OF THE DIFFICULT WORLD SUPPLY SITUATION AND OF THE REAL POSSIBILITY OF PROBLEMS OF FURTHER DELIVERIES UNDER PL 480. WE WOULD WANT TO AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION TO EGYPTIANS THAT PRESENCE OF TWO WASHINGTON-BASED OFFICIALS PRESAGE REINSTITUTION OF MASSIVE PL 480 PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SIXTIES. NEGOTIATING SESSIONS THEREFORE WILL BE AS MUCH EDUCATORY AS THEY WILL BE AIMED AT PRODUCING AN AGREEMENT.

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3. REQUEST NEGOTIATING INFORMATION AND NEW AGREEMENT

BY TELEGRAM IN ADVANCE OF THE TEAM SO THAT WE WILL
BE ABLE TO STUDY THE NEW PROCEDURES HERE AT THE
EMBASSY AND THEREFORE WILL NOT WASTE TIME AFTER
TEAM'S ARRIVAL EDUCATING EMBASSY STAFF.

4. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT
WE WILL BE NEGOTIATING ENTIRE NEW SALES AGREEMENT
WITH EGYPT WHICH WILL COVER ALL SUBSEQUENT SALES
AND THAT WE WILL NOT NEED TO GO THROUGH SEPARATE
NEGOTIATIONS FOR EACH COMMODITY.

5. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE JOHN B.
CRAIG.
ELTS

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